### **CHAPTER NO. 366**

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 743**

# By Representatives West, Sherry Jones

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 392

## By Senator Graves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-208, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

- (g)(1) Before any proposed settlement is considered final in cases involving benefits from the second injury fund under this section, it shall either:
  - (A) Have the written approval of the commissioner of labor and workforce development, or the commissioner's designee, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection; or
  - (B) Have been approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 20-13-103.
- (2) The commissioner of labor and workforce development is authorized to settle certain second injury fund claims without the necessity of complying with Section 20-13-103, provided that the attorney general and reporter, with the written approval of the governor and the comptroller of the treasury, shall set specific limits and conditions on such settlement authority.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 29, 2001

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

> JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2001

DON SONDQUIST, GOVERNOR